

# Tlingit Girl Shirley McNeil Aspires To Enter Miss (Indian) America

A pretty Tlingit Indian girl, Shirley McNeil of Juneau, is looking for a sponsor so she can enter the Miss (Indian) America Pageant at Sheridan, Wyoming on July 31.

Shirley will be 19 years old next Sunday July 21.

She came to Tundra Times office and picked up her application this week. She is now worrying about getting an authentic Tlingit costume required of contestants at the Sheridan pageant.

She would like to have anyone contact her parents in Anchorage at 448 Aurora Drive informing them about costumes she could borrow.

Shirley is also worrying about who to contact about a letter from a tribal council to the Miss (Indian) America Pageant for proof of blood.

She was told that she might contact John Borbridge in Anchorage for the letter of proof. Borbridge is the president of

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**Tlingit-Haida Central Council.**

Shirley was asked if she had any talents that might help her if she could get to Sheridan.

"I don't have any particular talents," she said. "I like people and I like to associate with them. I would also like to go to Sheridan so I can tell them that there are Tlingits in Alaska."

Shirley has gone one year at the University of Alaska and her major was psychology.

She said she was very interested in that subject because "I would like to help disturbed people. I would like to work at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute in Anchorage."

Shirley is working part time teaching English to the Upward Bound students at the University of Alaska.

Anyone having information about authentic Tlingit tribal costume and possible sponsors may contact Miss Ellen Forbes at Tanana Valley Fair Grounds, 2 Mile College Road or call her at 452-7350.

Shirley McNeil is 5 feet 3 inches tall.